THE STATEN ISLAND FERRY WAR. ALLEGED ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY THE OPPOSITION PIER AT STAPLETON.

The competition between the two ferry lines touching at Stapleton, Staten Island, resulted on Monday in what was alleged to be an attempt to destroy the wharf of the opposition line, on which the New-York Yacht Club House is built. The officers of the boats of the Staten Island Railroad line apparently took no pains to avoid striking the wharf yesterday, but when about 2 p. m. a heavy float in front of the wharf threatened damage to the boats it was noticed that they were run more carefully. A number of men were at work on the wharf with piles and stone, strengthening it and making preparations to build a new bulkhead in front of it. The proceedings were watched through the day by about 100 men, half of whom had been sworn in the night before as deputy constables. An officer of the railroad line said yesterday to a TRIBUNE reporter that nothing would be done for the company not in strict accordance with the law. Capt. Chambers of the ferrybeat Middletown, who was arrested for running his boat violently against the wharf of the opposition line, appeared yesterday mora ing before Justice Garrett at the Stapleton Village Hall. but the counsel of the prosecution declaring that they were not ready to proceed the examination was post poned until Saturday at 10 a. m., and he was released on his own recognizance. Capt. Campbell said yesterday that he always ran his boat into the wbarf just as if the latter was not there, and that it was impossible, except by exercising the greatest care, to escape a slight co-

The Pilot Commissioners state that in May, 1875, the Staten Island Kaliway Company gave them notice that the Staten Island Ferry Company had built a pler at Stapleton beyond the extreme bulkhead line, and the ferry company was ordered to remove the obstruction, which it refused to do. A suit to compel its removal was decided against the ferry company, and a contract was made to remove the pier, but work was stopped by was made to remove the per, our work was asopposed an injunction. In the Court of Appeals decision was again rendered against the ferry company. The railway company has again called upon the commissioners to enforce the law, and the ferry company has appealed to the United States Supreme Court, pending the decision of which a stay of proceedings is claimed, but the commel to the commissioners decides that they are free

counsel to the commissioners decides that they are free to go on with its removal.

At the meeting of the Pilot Commissioners yesterday W. H. Pendleton, President of the New-York and Staten Island Ferry Company, asked for a delay. He also presented a formal remonstrance against the removal of the pier at Stapleton. He denies that it is an obstruction to commerce or navigation. The suits referred to, he said, although brought ostensibly in the name of the people, were instigated by persons interested in a rival ferry company, adding that the object of the rival ferry was to injure the interests of this company and not to preserve the harbor. Mr. Pendleton said the pier had been a convenience to a very large portion of the public. If removed back to the builthead line it would be impractizable to make landings there owing to the extrem shalremoved back to the bulkhead line it would be impract-able to make landings there owing to the extreme shal-lowness of the water. He recognized that the board had power to exercise its functions irrespective of suits, adagments, or contests between persons, but claimed that the removal of the pier was not a public necessity.

CORURN'S JURY OBTAINED.

FEWER ROUGHS ABOUT THE COURT-ROOM-" RE-LIGIOUS MANIA" IN COBURN'S FAMILY-CARE IN CHOOSING JURORS.

The crowd that gathered in front of the Tombs and in City Hail Park to witness Joseph Coburn's transfer to the Court of General Sessions was much smaller and less disorderly yesterday than the gatherings on the previous days Fewer persons attempted to gain admission to the court-room, and it was apparent that the sympathy for Coburn among the rougher classes had lost much of its strength. The distinguished pris oner was not even accorded the privileges of a cab, but rode down Centre-st, from the Tombs in the prison van in company with two plebelan criminals who were going before Recorder Hackett to plead to minor offenses. All of Coburu's five lawyers reappeared in the court-room, in spite of the report that three of them had retired from the case. The management of the case for the defense devolved on Charles W. Brooke, who was assisted in the preliminary matters by Edgar M. Chipman, Charles 8 Spencer, and ex-Judge Curtis. The expected certificates as to Coburn's injuries were made by Drs. Henry B. Sands and James R. Wood, who stated that the prisoner was suffering from a contusion of the shoulder, wound on the left ear, and three scall wounds. Ex-Judge Curtis, on the strength of the left ear, and three scalp these, urged a postponement of the case for a few weeks, variously referring to his client as "this physical Apollo Belvedere" and "this unfortunate, beaten, and mangled person," who, in his weakened condition, was "no match for this most adroit legal swordsman of the legal arena" (the Assistant District-Attorney). A letter was read by Coburn's counsel from Dr. Nealis, formerly the Tombs physician, stating that he had treated Coburn's mother for insanity resulting

for melicious mania.

Assistant District-Attorney Rollins, in opposing the motion, said that if counsel for the prisoner intended to prove that Coburn was afflicted with a religious mania they had better have njury poss upon his savity at once. It had never occurred to him that Coburn was afflicted in that hadnever occurred to him that Coolers was sameled in that way, but perhaps this religious manha was hereditary in the family. Mr. Rollins then read the certificate of Dr. E. A. Macdonald, resident physician at the Asylum for the Insane on Blackwell's Island, to the effect that Column's physical condition was such that he could be tried at any time.

tried at any time.

Judge Sutherland, after briefly reviewing the facts in Judge Satherland, after briefly reviewing the tacts in the case, held that the trial should go on, and the work of selecting a jury was begun. An extra panel of 73 had been drawn, but the twelve jurors were obtained from 24 names in the regular panel. The jurors were selected with unusual care, and were closely questioned as to their knowledge of the case. Nearly, all of them had read of the shooting afray in the newspapers, but had formed impressions rather than opinions, and were general. Judge Sutherland grew rather impatient at the interrogatories of counsel, and said: "Of course everybody reads the newspapers." As soon as the jury was obtained, the court adjourned until this morning, when Mr. Rollins will open the case for the people.

DR. LYNCH'S MYSTERIOUS DEATH. EVIDENCES OF POISON FOUND-BERNARD CONK-

LING'S CONNECTION WITH THE CASE. An autopsy was made yesterday by the order of Coroner Ellinger, upon the body of Dr. John Lynch, who died on Monday night, at No. 228 West Twentyeighth-st., under suspicious circumstances. The examina tion was made by Deputy Coroner Goldschmidt, assisted by Dr. Finnell. Unmistakable evidence of the action of a corresive, irritant poison was found in the stomach. It was apparent, also, that the man had been addicted to the excessive use of alcohol, but no marks of disease were found extensive enough to have caused death. The pres ence or absence of poison is to be determined by an Coroner Ellinger, after impaneling a jury postponed further action in the case until the analysis has been made. It was stated by his friends yesterday that Dr. Lynch was about 40 years of age, and 10 years ago had been regarded as one of the most promising young physicians in this city. As a medical student he was distinguished for his brilliant attainments, and after his graduation he was appointed House Surgeon at St Vincent's Hospital. He began to drink, and his practicslipped away from him. Three months ago he had as office in Thirty fourth-st., and still managed to make a

living by the practice of his profession.

Mrs. Shay of No. 228 West Twenty-eighth-st, said yes terday that Dr. Lynch came to her house on Friday last with a man whom she knew as Bernard Conkling, who had been her tenant, but had left her house five or six weeks previously because he had been unable to pay the rent. Dr. Lynch, after looking at the front room, went away with Conkling and was not seen until Thursday On that day Dr. Lynch came to Mrs. Shay's house about On that day Dr. Lyner came to also case, as a second on that day lot lot check in the afternoon and made further inquiries. About 4 o'clock Conkling came in and said to Dr. Lynch, "You are feverish," at the same time placing his hand upon his forehead. Conkling took from his pocket a viol containing a dark fluid resembling coffee and gave Dr. Lynch a portion of the centents. A short time afterward Conkling went away and Dr. Lynch lay down upon the sofa. He soon began to breathe heavily. Mrs. Shay's husband came home about 8 o'clock in the evening. He went in to wake Dr. Lynch, but found that he was dead. Hastening to the Thirty-seventh Sirvet Police Station, Shay informed Capt. Wassiburn of the case, and officers were at once sent out to scarch for Conkling. Detective Riley said yesterday that he felt confident that Conkling would be arrested very soon and would be able to throw further light upon this mysterious case. He is said to be a printer. It is thought by the police that if Dr. Lynch died of poison it was not administered by Conkling. Prom the skape of the nottle and Mrs. Shay's description of its contents it is thought that the field was a preparation of opision. Dr. Lynch's friends all scont the dear of suicide, and the symptoms exhibited a few hours before his death pointed more directly toward a Barcotic that a corrostive posent. I o'clock in the afternoon and made further inquiries.

SHARP TALK ABOUT WOMEN PREACHERS. There was a lively discussion at the last Monday morning meeting of the Methodist ministers over the invitation extended the previous week to Miss Oliver to preach before the ministers next Monday. Dr. Buckley declared the invitation null and void, it not having received a two-thirds vote, and, on the motion being relewed, Dr. Buckley said, in the midst of some excitement: "I oppose this motion to invite Miss Oliver to preach. I do not know her. I never saw her. What I have heard of her is to her credit, so I have no private grudge or malice in this matter. I am opposed to inviling any woman to preach before this meeting. If the

man who claims to have such a license, and we are asked to invite her here to preach."

Here a brother tuinister declared they had a right to anvite Miss Oliver to preach. Dr. Backley replying said: "Oh, you have the right to believe that the moon is made of green cheese, but you have no right to commit the ministers of this city on an unsettled church question. The tendency of men—now here is a chance to hiss—the tendency of men to endeavor to force female preachers upon the church, and the desire to run after female preachers is, as Dr. Finney said to the students at Oberlin, an abberration of amativeness. When the men are more moved by women than by men under the same circumstances it is certainly due to an abberration of smatriveness." There was loud laughter and applause which led Dr. Eooch to talk of dignity and weight of character. By a vote of 46 to 38 the meeting refused to invite Miss Oliver to preach.

COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL'S ECONOMY. ALDERMAN TUOMEY'S ATTACK-HOW THE EXPENDI-TURES OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN RE-

The Aldermen's Committee on Public Works yesierday investigated the statements made by Alder man Tuomey as to Allan Campbell, Commissioner of Public Works. Alderman Tuomey said that the recent election of a new President by the Consolidated Coal Company to succeed Mr. Campbell, made it unnecessary to proceed with that branch of the investigation. He thought, however, that the committee should look into the appointment of Hubert O. Thompson as deputy commissioner. Mr. Thompson had been a subordinate in the department, and was a relative of Mr. Campbell. He had been prome the important office of deputy, for which his inexperience and want of previous training as an engineer unfitted him. Col. George W. Wingate appeared for Commissioner Campbell, who was confined to his house by illness. He said that Mr. Campbell had ceased to be President of the coal company because its principal offices were to be removed to Baltimore. The position had not interfered with his duties as Commissioner of Public Works. He had superintended the construction of the Fourth-ave. improvement, which had cost several million dollars, while he was President of the several million dollars, while he was President of the coal company. Mr. Thompson was a cousin of Mr. Chapbell's son's wife. He was in the department before Mr. Campbell took it. Having been the commissioner's secretary for a year, he had become familiar with Mr. Campbell's plans and his views in relation to reducing the expenses of the department. Mr. Campbell had substituted the contract system for day's work, and conducted the office on business principles. He had saved the city \$1,000,000 on wark done, and half a million more in abandoning work authorized but not necessary.

Alderman Shells said that day's work was cheaper than the contract system, because the contractors had to live, and must get their profits out of the city.

Coi. Wingate submitted a comparative statement of the expenditures of the Department of Public Works for five years past, from which the following is taken:

EXPENDITURES.

1874.

Appropriation acc't \$1,804,40746 \$1,627.165 66 \$1,451,023 99 Street Improvement.

2,322,137 37 4,582,572 30 2,018,680 95

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Totals....\$5.826,112 67 47,6, 9,131 80 \$4,357,095 40

The reduction of expenditures for the past year, compared with 1875, is \$1,562,656 76; with 1874, 83,252, 036 40; with 1873, \$3,299,741 03; with 1872, \$1,469, 017, 27. osis 40; with 1873, \$5,290,741 03; with 1872, \$1,460,017 27.

These reductions are claimed to be the result of economy, not of decreased work. The current business of the department coming under appropriation account has been largely increase 1by the transfer of the Boulevards to the department in 1872, by the annexation of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and by the growth of the city in every way, yet the sverage expenditures for the fear years preceding 1876 for these purposes was \$1,672,053 82, and the expenditures of 1876 only \$1,451,023 99, a reduction of \$221,029 83. On the Street Improvement expenditures a similar reduction has been made, chiefly by substituting contract work for days' work. The following table is given:

Average Average Nature of Work.

Rock excavation, per cubic yard.

Earth excavation, per subic yard.

Earth excavation, per subic yard.

Earth filling, per cubic yard.

Earth

UNEXPECTED CLOSING OF A SCHOOL. TUITION COLLECTED IN ADVANCE AND A VACATION GIVEN THE PUPILS-THEN THE PRINCIPALS DIS-

APPEAR. The Girard Institute, for young men and boys, at No. 35 East Sixty-second-st., has been conducted of late in a manner which excites the suspicions of swindling among those interested in its welfare and that of the scholars. Pau' E. Girard, a Frenchman, the manager of the school, had under his charge on Feb. 1, 12 boarders and about 30 day students. About the middle of January he went away from the city, leaving his wife, William II. Vanderbilt was scated with his sons, Cornean American laoy formerly of Philadelphia, and a Mis-Lamb, with two male teachers, to conduct the affairs of the inst tute. Since that time, according to rep rts, his wife has been busy visiting the parents and guardians of the scholars, collecting the money to pay for tuition and board for the second half of the school year, beginning Feb. 1. On last Friday the boarders were told that they would be given a vacation until Monday morning. This would be given a vacation dath aboutly are the custom to allow them to return home the last Friday of the month to visit their friends. The vacation appears to have been unlimited, and has not as yet terminated, for when the students returned on Monday morning they found the

unlimited, and has not as yet terminated, for when the students returned on Monday morning they found the house empty and a sign on the front informing their that it was to let, unfurnished. On Saturday morning at 6 o'clock several tracks were procured, the furniture was removed and the trunks of the scholars were sent to their residences. Where the furniture was carried is a mystery. The agent of the house said yesterday that Mrs. Girard stated that it had been seized by creditors, but that statement he could anthoritatively deny. Some of the victims have affirmed their belief that it was taken to an anction room and soid.

The amount of money collected by Mrs. Girard is not yet known. B. De Safa of No. 200 West Forty-third-st, had two nephews and two mephews and two ways at the school, and padd for their board and tuition \$400 on Feb. 17, after having paid a similar amount in advance has December. There are many others in the same category whose names could not be learned. Yesterday a number of boys called at the house in search of articles not found in the rearmed trunks, all of whom stated that their parents had been detranded. Other debts are spoken of. The rent of the house is due, and bills for means, greeenes, stationery, and other goods are yet to be paid. All effort to assectain where the principals are has as yet been unsuccessful. necessful.

STATISTICS OF SUICIDE.

THE NATIONALITY AND TRADES OF THE VICTIMS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

Dr. Naele, Register of Vital Statistics of the Health Board, yesterday submitted his report of the deaths by violence during the past year. The tables how the following number of suicides from the different nationalities: Austria, 2; Bohemia, 3; Canada, 1; Cuba, 2; England, 9; France, 8; Germany, 69; Holland, 1: Ireland, 21; Poland, 2; Scotland, 2; Sweden, 1; United States, 28. Of these, 114 were men and 36 omen; 31 were single, 86 married, 16 widowed, and 17 unknown. Of the means of death, 90 were by drownng, 4 from taking landanum, 5 from opium, 22 from en, 37 from pistol-shot wounds, 19 from hang ing, 11 from leaping from houses, 6 from prussic acid, 5 from arsenie, 9 from cutting jurular veins with razors, 2 each from wounds of arms and hemorrhage and from being crushed under freight trains, and I each from carbeing crushed under freight tfaius, and I each from carbolic acid, corresive sublimate, morphine, behadoung, muriatic acid, cating matches, strychnine and hydrate of chloral. The persens are also classified according to their occupation as follows: One artist, 2 arents, 1 broker, 4 butchers, 1 basker, 5 bathers, 1 wood-cutter, 1 contractor, 14 clerks, 4 cigar-makers, 5 carpenters, 2 druggiets, 1 drunghtsman, 3 domestics, 1 drver, 2 fuririers, 1 fireman, 1 fortune-teller, 2 lawyers, 8 laborers, 7 merchants, 2 millimen, 5 machinists, 2 physicians, 1 piano-maker, 2 painters, 1 paper-maker, 2 masons, 1 shoemaker, 1 stable-keeper, 2 saloon-keepers, 5 tailors, 1 turner, 1 feacher, 1 type-caster, 1 seamstress, 1 salor, 1 veterinary surgeon, 1 varnisher, 2 wheelwights, 1 wenyer, 1 watenman, and 46 whose occupations were unknown.

A YEAR'S WORK OF THE POST-OFFICE. The following are the statistics of the City Delivery Division of the New-York Post-Office for the

year 1876;	
Letter carriers employed	42
Delivery trips per day	7 and
Branch post offices	37,339,37
Mail letters delivered	21,036,94
Local letters delivered.	10,692,54
Registered letters delivered	248,44
Newscapers, &c., delivered. Letters, postal cards, newspapers, &c., collected	8,892,21
from street boxes	58,401,59
Total number pieces handled by carriers.	136,6.1.11
Average number of pieces handled by each car-	
FOT	318,46
Total letters, postal cards, newspapers, etc., de- livered through boxes at central effice and	44,686,80
Total unregistered letters, postal cards, newspa- pers, etc., delivered on call at central and	
branches	9.268.13
Registered letters delivered on call at central	
office and branches	207,86
Grand total of deliveries in New-York City	133,822,94
Pestage received on local matter	356,168 3
Amount paid letter on riers Total area, in acres, covered by city delivery	28,19
Total area, in acres, covered to eny denvery	

FREIGHT AGENTS IN CONFERENCE.

One of the agents who attended the meeting of rnilroad freight agents in this city yesterday said to a TRIB-UNA reporter last night that the meeting did little more mother of Our Lord were on earth I should oppose her preaching here. Oh, I do not mind that fretering to marks of desaproval; I like at the beginning of a sizech to find that there are two sides to my question. There is no power in the Methodist Church by which a woman can be beened to preach. This is instory; this is the report made at the last General Conference. It is, is the report made at the last General Conference to Beene a woman to preach; nevertheless, here is a wollength of the settleng of treight accusts adjourned until 11 s. in. to-morrow. As to their probable action the gentleman said that a good many rumors

were in circulation that the meeting would be without result, and he feared that these rumors would prove to

It is stated on good authority that although the repre sentatives of the Pennsylvana and Baltimore and Ohic Railroads sent excuses for their non-appearance, the inference drawn by the representatives of the other roads was that they did not wish to Join in the proceed-ings. The situation, as regards the com-act between the lines, is considered exceedingly critical, and the proba-bilities are strong that it will soon be broken.

HAMILTON COLLEGE ALUMNI DINNER.

The resident graduates of Hamilton College ate their ninth annual dinner at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last evening. The Hamilton College Alumni Association of New-York, with about 150 members, was placed upon a firmer footing by the adoption of a new constitution. About 60 graduates were present, including President Brown of Hamilton College, Gen. Joseph R. Hawley Prof. Theodore W. Dwight, Judge Joseph S. Bosworth, Col. Emmons Clark of the 7th Regiment, James S. Baker, D. G. Eaton, Porter C. Bliss, Prof. Docherty of the College of the City of New-York, A. K. Hadley, Dwight H. Olmstead, Dr. Cochran of the Brooklyn Polytechnic In

stitute, and Elihu Root. After the bauquet, which was regarded as more enjoy able than usual, the following toasts were responded to: "Hamilton College," by the Hon. Theodore W. Dwight; "The Faculty," by President Brown; "The Alumni," by the Hon. J. R. Hawley ; "The College;50 years ago," by

the Hon. J. R. Hawley; "The College 50 years ago," by Prof. Asa Colton; "The Clergy," by the Rev. Dr. Kendall; "The Legal Profession," by Dwigat H. Olmstead; "The College and the State," by Henry Randall Walts, M. D. Several of the speeches were received with enthusiastic approval, and it was a late hour before the graduates of the college felt like leaving the social scene.

At a business meeting earlier in the evening, the following officers of the Association were chosen for the coning year; President, the Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Hastings, class of '48; Vice-Presidents, Theedore W. Dwight, D. D., '40; Joseph S. Boswerth, LL. D., '26, and Edwin C. C. Litchfield, LL. D., '32; Treasurer, H. B. Thompkins, '65; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Henry Randail Walte, '68; Recording Secretary, A. N. Brockway, M. D., '57; Executive Committee, Dwight H. Olmstead, Emmons Clark, James S. Baker, P. Q. Eckerson, Elihu Root, C. H. Deweil, and Brainerd G. Smith.

LAST DAY OF THE GRAND DUKE'S VISIT. The Grand Duke Alexis and suite passed quietly their last day in the city. They strolled out in the morning, and finally walked down Broadway, revisiting the financial and commercial quarters of the metropolis. They returned to lunch at the Clarendon, and walked out again in the afternoon, this time visiting the up-town avenues. There being no unseen theatrical or opera bouffe attraction of paramount interest to the Rus sian visitors, they passed the evening at their hotel. The arrangements for departure up to last evening were The arrangements for departure up to fast evening were to take the 9:30 train this morning for Ba'timore, and proceed thence by the Bay line to Nortolk, where the Grand Duke Alexis will resume command of the flagship Svetlana. It is reported that the Russian fleet will sail for this port in two or three weeks, when it is thought the Grand Duke will doubtless have laid off that convenient article of royal apparel called an "incognito," and be at liberty to accept any public hospitality that may be extended.

THE LAKE MAHOPAC SUIT.

The trial of the suit of Mrs. Saportas against the city, for \$115,000 damages for the lowering of Lake Mahopac, was continued yesterday before Judge Van Brunt, in Supreme Court, Circuit. The plaintiff pro duced several witnesses as to depreciation of real estate and sickness arising from the lowering of the lake. One of the old residents, whose memory went back to 1815, testified that there was no malaria at the lake prior to 1870. On cross-examination he identified the boundaries of several old conveyances running back boundaries of several old conveyances running back nearly to the Revolution. Part of the city's defense is that the bed of the lake was owned by the State, and that the engineers who drew from the lake had a license to do so from the owners of a waier-right at the Red Mills, an old structure at the outlet, which was built before the Revolutionary war. Several maps and surveys and deeds made their appearance on the table in front of the Assistant Corporation Counsel which will have to be produced in order to prove this chain of title. W. O. Bartlett appears with his sons for the plaintiff; F. L. Stetson and Mr. Lacombe for the city.

VANDERBILT'S HEIRS.

CONTENDING FOR THE GREAT FORTUNE. CORNELIUS J. VANDERBILT, MRS. ALLEN, AND MRS. LA BAU PROPOSE TO CONTEST THE WILL-AD-JOURNMENT TO MARCH 13.

The expectation that the application for the admission of the will of the late Commodore Vanderbilt to probate would be opposed by some of the heirs drew a large number of persons into the Surrogate's Court-room at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. There was a considera ble array of legal talent, among the lawyers being Henry L. Clinton, Chauncey M. Depew, Ethan Allen, Dudley Field, James Matthews, Sutherland Tenney, and others. lius Vanderbilt, jr., and William Vanderbilt, and Samuel Barton, one of the executors of the will; the other mem bers of the Vanderbilt family were not represented otherwise than by counsel, with the exception of Mrs Cross, whose husband was present. Among the other persons in attendance were Augustus Schell, William Allen Butler, and Luther R. Marsh.

When Surrogate Calvin called up "The matter of the probate of the will of Cornehus Vanderbilt, deceased," Mr. Clinton said that he appeared on behalf of the proponents; the attesting witnesses were present, and unless the will was to be contested, he was ready to proceed to prove its execution. It was announced that Cornelius J. Vanderbilt was represented by Jeremiah 8 Black, Scott Lord, and Ethan Allen; Mrs. Allen by David Dudley Field, James Matthews, and Dadley Field. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Latitte by Chauncey M. Depew, and Mrs. La Bau by Sutherland Tenney and Geo. W. Wingate Dudley Field said that objections would be filed by the counsel of Mrs. Allen, but as the senior counsel, David Dudley Field, ought to be consulted, and as his time was fully occupied in Washington, he suggested that the m tter stand over for a fortnight. The intention of Cornelius J. Vanderbilt to contest his father's will was set forth by Ethan Allen, who said that his associate counsel, J. S. Black and Scott Lord, were also busy in

comsel, J. S. Back and scott land, were also dosy in Washington, and before he filed objections he wished to consult with them. He therefore made a similar request for a postponement for ten days or two weeks. Mr. Chinton—I understand that it is the intention of these gentlemen to contest the will. It is not customary to go on with a contest on the day on which the citation is returnable. I shall, therefore, make no opposition to a postponement. I should like to know if there are any other americances.

is returnable. I should like to know if there are any other appearances.

Mr. Tenney said that Mrs. La Bau would probably contest, and Mr. Bepew announced that there would be no contest on the part of Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Lafitte. Mr. Climion, after saving that he had been informed that Mrs. Thora and Mrs. Torrance would make no contest, stated that Judge Rayallo, one of the wilnesses, who drevs both the will and the cedled, would have to be in Albany on Friday, and he hoped that the adjournment would be until Thursday of next week, so as to give Judge Rayallo an opportunity to give his testimony. Mr. Field replied that finat that time would be too short; the contest would last some time, and Judge Rayallo could easily testify. The intention of the counsel was to contest in good faith and with the diligence. Mr. Clinton then said that he would consent to an adjournment for two weeks if the counsel would pare to proceed at that time williout further delay. The Surrogate announced that the objections should be propared, lied, and served on Mr. Clinton by March 9, and that the adjournment should be until March 13 at 11 a. n.

A Tarmy is reporter subsequently inquired of Mr. Clim on what he ground on which the contest would he could not state with precision, but he supposed that under would probably be. Mr. Clinton replied that he count or and significant deen represented by counsel in the court or and significant deen represented by counsel in the court or and significant deen represented by counsel in the court or and significant deen represented by counsel in the court or and significant deen represented by counsel in the court or and significant deen represented by counsel in the court or and significant deen represented by counsel in the court or and significant here assent to the will except Mrs. Osgood and Mrs. Cross, and the husband of the latter was present, but did not scaled their assent to the will except Mrs. Osgood and Mrs. Cross, and the husband of the latter was present, but did not seed the induced

Ettair After sain it was impossible for aim to say upon what specific grounds the objections to the product of the will would be based; indeed, the objections could not be drawn up without a consultation of the counsel representing the various contestants. No compromise had been proposed, but the children of Commodore Van-derbill had been advised to settle the matter between themselves without bringing it before the public.

NEW-YORK STATE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION RONDOUT, N. Y., Feb. 27 .- Active steps have been taken to properly celebrate the centennial of the State at Kingston. The convention which, formed the first Constitution met there. The election for Governor and other State officers was held, and 100 years ago, on the 30th of July, George Clinton was inaugurated first Governor at the Kingston Court-house and the first Legislature was organized. Arrangements are also to be made to commemorate the burning of Kingston by British troops on the 16th of October, 1777.

They had a tough subject in the inquiry They had a tough subject in the inquiryroom this week. Moody wrestled with him, and sanacy
sang with him, but the man scened to despar of forgiveties. Finally Moody asked him what heavy sin burdened his mind, and he confessed to having beat a newspaper publisher out of three years' subscription. The
evangelist informed him that they did not profess to perform miracles, but if he would settle up his dues, with
compound interest, and pay for three years more in advance, although they could not open the doors of the
church to him, perhaps he might be snaked in under the
canvas.—[Boston Bulletin.

Thering abelians time a Glaggory joines was

During cholera time a Glasgow joiner was nsked by a lady, who was employing niu at some hous-hold work, whether he would have a giass of whisky now or wait till he had finished the job. "I'll be takin' the glass noo, niem," said the artisan, "for there's been a power o' sudden deaths lately."

HOME NEWS.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY AT HUDNUT'S IN BROADWAY.

9 a. m., 37°. Koon, 39°. 3 p. m., 38°. Midnight, 38°. Highest during the day, 39°. Lowest, 33°. Average, 36°s. Same day, 1876, 26°s.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS. PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Arenue Hotel—Rear-Admiral George H.
Preble, U. S. Navy, and William K. Muir, General Manager of
the Canada Southern Rallway ... New Fork Hotel—ImpectorGeneral Randelph B. Marcy, U. S. Army. Brecord HouseJohn F. Seymour of Unica. ... Windsor Hotel—Gle Bull, and the
Hou. Charles Stanford of Schneclady ... S. Nicholas HotelEx-Congressman James F. Wilson of Iowa, and C. H.
Northam of Hartford. ... St. Jennes Hotel—Theodore N. Vali,
Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service. ... Hoffman
House—Alfredo Escobar of the Syanish Legation at Washington, and William McMichael of Philadelphia.

NEW-YORK CITY All is yellow to the fashionable eye.

Parasols were used on Broadway yesterday. Shawls of every kind will be much worn this

An egg-hatching machine is exhibited in a window on Broadway. On May 1 the Pelham coach will start from the

Hotel Brunswick. Oysiers are very cheap now, costing less than any ther food in the market.

Sailor hats, trimmed with Cardinal red, are new mportations for the little folks.

A large dry goods house is being built on the cor-

ner of Sixth-ave, and Nineteenth st. The most fashionable button for ornament or

stility is the sitk crocheted button of medium size. The new shades of yellow are buttercup, maize,

old gold, and mandarin, which is a vivid yellow. The new style of neckwear for men is a scarf of ored satin with bright colored figures.

Mr. Louis Engel, tormerly critic of The Music Trade Review, has become proprietor of The Arcadian. The Woman's Hotel is rapidly approaching completion. It will accommodate from \$,000 to 5,000 sewing

Old gold is the new color for bonnet-trimming, and their ornaments are Renaissance brooches that look like

polished brass.

Shoppers were numerous yesterday, but buyers were scarce, as this is the debatable ground between Winter

In the "Osborne," the new apartment building on Fifth ave., between Fifty second and Fifty third sts., every room has an external window. Street sweepers may pluck up courage and ply

their trade; all the imported ladies' walking costumes are short enough to clear the ground. Perplexed bill-posters who cannot read have in a

few cases mixed the posters of two rival theaters so that they read: "Round the Clock in Eighty Days." Candy houses now have their specialty, as they do in Paris; thus one house is devoted to the sale of marshmal-

lows and another to old fashioned molasses candy. The agents of the New South Wales Government are about to send 125 more emigrants from this city to Australia on the bark Sierra Nevada on Saturday next.

The retail price of good qualities of flour has advanced nearly \$1 a barrel within two weeks. The high price of potatoes is said to be partly the cause of the increase. Conductors report an increase of travel on the

street car lines, and think it indicates some improve trade. There are a great many country merchants in town at New-York newsboys discount journalistic enter-

prise and emulate the Father of his Country in teuthfulness by announcing 5 o'clock editions of the evening papers in uptown cars at 4 o'clock. Of the deaths last week, 24 were from scarletina, 18 from membranous croup, 90 from phthisis pulmonalis, 32 from bronchitis, 50 from pheumonia, 50 from heart disease,

and 40 from Bright's disease. At yester-lay morning's tide the steamship Amerique, stranded at Seabright on the morning of Jan. 7, was moved astern about 10 feet. With the Spring tides of tonight and to-morrow night there is a possibility of floating her

Pilot Weaver was instructed by the Pilot Commissioners yesternay to request Capt. Poulzolz of the stranded sicamship Amerique, at Seabright, to inform the Board whether he intended to submit a complaint against the pilot for incapacity or negligence, in connection with the stranding

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Juvenile Guardian Society yesterday, resolutions were passed condemning the action of the Committee of the State Board of Charities, and inviting a full investigation "under the regular method of taking testimony." The resolutions claim that the action of the committee is a reopening of old charges dismissed by former examination

"You are all standing on the brink of the Niagara of perdition," said a sad-faced man upon entering an Eighth-ave, car last night. The passengers looked up in autonishment, nd the speaker, stating that he would not take any particular text, commenced a rambling discourse, which was abruptly broken off by the man attempting to pass a counterfeit nickel

The following is a comparative statement of the cases of contagious disease reported for the two wocks ending Feb. 24:

-FEVERS. Cerebro | Week | Tv | Tj | Scar | Spinal | Diphending | plus | phoad | let | meningitis | Measles | therms | Feb. 27 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 67 | 3 | 2 | 42 | 42 | Feb. 24 | 3 | 45 |

Messrs. Bangs & Co. will offer at auction on miscellaneous books, in excellent order, and many of them elegantly bound. Among them are good specimens of Alduand Electic; a small collection of American pamphiets; a folio fourteenth century Psalter (MS.); with twelve volumes of rare and curious English tracts.

George Honeymoon, a middle-aged man of slender

resources, planned a campaign against the boarding house keepers. He took the role of a wealthy contractor, engaged board at No. 247 West Fourteenth st., and postponed payment indefinitely. His eminent respectability was too thin a veneer, and the proprietor, Charles Merritt, had him arrested yester day. His previous exploits are said to entitle him to a con-spicnous place among the knights of the Order of the sponge.

Notice will be posted in the room of the Gold Exhange to-day calling for a meeting of its members on Satur ay, March 10, to consider the question of amending the constitution so as to provide for a dissolution of the Exchange a any time when the agreement to that effect shall be signed by any time when the agreement of the care was no doubt yesterdar about the adoption of the amendment, for which the votes o two-thirds of those present at the meeting on the 10th will be

Vincenzo, Dommiek, and Guiseppe Albani, Italian street musicians of 17, 14, and 13 years, were arrested yester day for violation of the vagrancy law. At the Yorkville Police Court Vincenzo was held for trial and the others were committed to the House of Detention. The father is said to be hiving the life of an Halain habol at No. 55 Crosby-st, upon the carnings of his children. The boys were arrested once before, but were released upon pleading ignorance of the law, none of them being able to read or write

On returning from the theater last Thursday night, Mrs. W. H. Payne of No. 98 Park-ave, carelessly dropped a diamond breastpin and a set of jewelry into a sila ells and handed it to her nurse on entering the house re forgotten, and on Saturday mucht the nurse took the umbrella, as she states, to go out, and on opening it the valuables must have dropped out. No arcests have been nade, but a reward of \$100 is offered for the return of the goods. The pin contains 60 small diamonds and a large nerald, and, with the earrings, is worth about \$500.

Edward Jacobs has been appointed receiver of the property of A. P. Rudoiphe, the bill and player, who has been sued by Jules L. Rifflard before single McAdam in the Marine Court. In his affidavit Rudolphe swears that he does not own the saloon at No. 315 Broadway, but is employed as manager at a salary of \$150 a month and five per cent of the profits, the actual owner of the stock and fixtures being Mrs. Bordas, to whom he loaned his name. Rudolphe says that he owes no money and possesses none. His jeweiry consists of a set of Andrew J. Mellen, who is demanded by the State

of Pennsylvania for larceny, applied to Judge Davis to be admitted to had, pending his appeal from the decision of Judge Barrett that he should be surrendered. He also asked to be released from a civil orde; of arrest issued by the Supreme Court. Judge Davis holds that under the language of the statute of 1870, permitting ball in such cases, Judge Barrett is the only judge having power to grant relief. Joseph A. Caivert, the officer who arrested Meilen, and who has been sued by him in the Marine Court for false imprisonment, applied to Judge McAdam to be relieved from arrest. Judge McAdam reserved his decision. At a meeting of the Police Commissioners yester-

day the following transfers were made: Pergeant Thompson of the Foorth to the Thirteenth Precinct, and Ryan of the Thirteenth to the Fourth Preciact: Roundsman Mead of the Twenty-third to the Thirty-second; Jacoby of the First to the Twentieth; Gebert of the Eleventh to the First, and Martin of the Fourteenth to the Twenty-first Precit Other Files of the Thirtieth to the Twenty-second; Sullivar of the Twenty second to the Thirtieth; Smith of the Four teenth to the Twenty first; Hoyt of the Twenty fifth to the Sixteenth, and Selax of the Thirteenth to the Twenty-fifti Precinct. Officers Smith of the Twenty seventh and Costello of the Eighteenth Precincts were dismissed from the force.

In consequence of the request published in THE TRILINE of last week, a great number of applications for servants have been received by St. Ignatius Guild, but they have been, in almost every case, for women who are able to go out its cooks, waitrease, or chambermails. But persons desirous of taking such work do not come to the Guild. Their apdicants are largely made up of laboring men without trades, who would be glad of a day's work anywhere, and women with families of little children, whose husbands are out o work and of money, and who could go out by the day, but who must return to their homes at night for the care of their chil. dren. Applications are requested on Tuesday evenings at the Guild room in the basement of the church, Fortieth-st., between Fifth and Sixth-aves. The Guild desire to express their

thanks to Walduck & Co. for liberal supplies of bread.

An adjourned meeting of the Atlanta and Richmond Air Line Railroad was held yesterday afternoon at the rooms of the Board of Trade, No. 162 Broadway. The stock of the railroal amounts to \$4,000,000, and of this amount \$3,000.000 were represented. A committee recommendation that preferred mortgag: bonds to the amount of \$500,000 be issued to release the company from embarrassment, and put the road in working order. This was accepted, and it was agreed to give the bondholders the first opportunity to purchase these bonds at par. As soon as the legal right is of tained, the mortgage bonds will be assued. Among the new

directors will be Abram S. Hewitt and Eugene Kelly. The Fourth Ward school-house at Long Island City, which came near being the scene of a tragedy last Fri day, has been examined and pronounced unsafe. The class-rooms are numerous and crowded with scholars, the building is a four-story frame structure, and the means of exit are wholly insufficient. From the third floor there are three stair ways, one on each side and one at the front. The side et trances have passage ways about three feet wide leading to the staircase, but the front entrance is reached by passing through a hallway scarcely six feet square, and the staircase is so narrow that two children cannot pass abreast.

The seventh annual report of the New-York Dispensary for Diseases of the Throat and Chest shows that during the past year 1,588 patients were treated for throat diseases and 728 for chest diseases, while the whole number treated in the seven years of the institution's existence i 8,467. At the meeting of trustees on Monday evening at No. 16 West Twenty third-st., the residence of the president, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Col. Rush C. Hawkins, President and Treasurer; John B. Flanagan Vice-President, and John B. Parmes, Secretary. Medical offi cers-Dr. A. Ruppaner, Physician in Chief, and Dr. G. Cec earini, Consulting Physician.

BROOKLYN.

Thieves gained access to the residence of Dr. C. E. Mensch, No. 200 Halsey-st., early on Monday morning and tole \$127 worth of jewelry. The Brooklyn Mercantile Library is not exempt

from that bane of other reading rooms—the newspaper bore. Eight or ten "rounders" monopolize the morning papers to the exclusion of the legitimate readers. Officer Thomas Murray, a veteran of the Second

Precinct Police force, died at his residence on Myrtle ave. on Monday night. The funeral, which takes place on Thursday, will be attended by the members of the Mutual Alliance in a James Keegan was arrested yesterday and identi-

fied as the ruffian who last Wednesday afternoon knocked down and robbed on Lewis ave. Miss Clara Smith of No. 296 Macdonough st. He attempted to deny the identity, but the proof was strong against him, and he was held for trial. Mayor Schroeder yesterday professed himself sur-

prised at the action of the Common Council in rejecting J. S. T. Stranshan as President of the Park Commission. He said that Strangan as President of the Carlo Strangan as President in the had anticipated such a disposition of the matter he would not have sent in the names of Messrs. Strangan and Sayliss. The screams of a girl in a fit, at School No. 21, on Monday, created a panic among the 800 pupils, the cries being istaken for those of fire. Despite the efforts of the teachers the children rushed from the rooms, down the stairs, and into the street. No one was injured seriously, but there was a holiday thereafter for the frightened pupils.

At the last meeting of the Common Council in 1876, the Board of City Works was authorized to pay for street day Mayor Schroeder sent the board a notice that as sufficient time had clapsed for the making of contracts, after March 1 would decline to recognize any claims for work done under The strike of the file cutters of the Eastern Dis-

trict still continues. At a meeting on Monday night they agreed to hold out until their employers adopted their terms; but as the latter are equally determined in their course, and the means of support of the workmen comes entirely from the Union," it seems probable that they will submit to the re-uced rates before long. Three thieves attempted to enter the grocery store of Weeks & Burling, at Columbia-st. and Hamilton-ave.. or

Monday night, and were frightened away by the firing of a musket by Robert Dillon who lives next door. One of the burgiars, who gave his name as John Stephenson, was found soon after by an officer concealed in an outhouse, and was ommitted yesterday for examination. Michael Hosey has been reported to the Common

bidder for street-cleaning contracts in the Fifth and Sixtl Vards, but was rejected on the motion of Aldermen Kane and hannon. President Slocum states that he knows of no obje on to Hosey, and he disclaims all responsibility for any oubje that may arise from the action of the Aldermen. The question has been raised as to the legal right

of the present President protem, of the Common Council, John of the present resonance of the Board of Health and draw the addition adary of \$1,500. Corporation Counsel De Witt yesterday sent to Controller Burrell a commmunication in answer to this question which he answered in the negative. He gave it also as his opinion that Mr. Freuch could not act as Mayor during Mayor Schroeder's absence from the city. The Walker-Clark horse-whipping case came up

gain vesterday in the Supreme Court, and, in the absence Judge Gilbert, Gen. Catlin and District-Attorney Britton, in stead of arguing the case, indulged in personalities. Gen. Cat in accused Mr. Britton of "acting in a mean way, and using his office to oppress Walker," and the District-Attorney called Gen. Catlin said he would hold the General "impertment." Mr. Britton responsible for his action in the matter and call him to account, "even if he were District-Attorney." Yesterday afternoon Judge Dykman granted to Waiker's counsel witt of habeas corpus returnable this morning.

JERSEY CITY. A denial of the reports that arrangements have been mad for a new pastor in Mrs. Hanaford's Church was published vesterday, claiming that matters may yet be ar-ranged satisfactorily.

Anton Oberisu, age 35, of No. 3 Willow-st., work-

James Thompson of Henderson-st, was crushed be-tween a locomotive on the Pennsylvania Railroad and the stone wall between Warren and Washington-sts, yesterday. He had one leg broken and was very seriously injured. LONG ISLAND. GREAT SOUTH BAY .- The Board of Supervisors of

SREAT SOUTH BAY.—The Board of Supervisors of Suffoik County have given notice that the following acts for the preservation or insh and game will be reported at the anneal meeting, on the third Tuesday in April: It is forbidden to use in any water of Great South Bay in Suffoik County any net, tyke, &c., for the purpose of taking swimming fish, with mecha-less than three inches across. Any cels taken less than fourteen inches in length shall be put back while alive. Offenders against these provisions will be purished by a fine of not more than \$100 or imprisonment in the County Jail for not over thirty day, or both. Wild dinck, reces, or brandt shall not be killed between May 15 and Nov. 1, under a penalty of \$25 for each blid so killed.

STATEN ISLAND.

TOMPKINSVILLE.—Capt. Jacob H. Vanderbilt yes-terday received from the Chief. Clark of the Richmond County police the salver ware found as tweek upon the premises of Mrs. Short at Tompkinsville the proceeds of a burglary com-mitted three years and at Mr. Vanderbilt's residence, and for which short is now serving a term in the state prison. sanch Short is now serving a term in the State prison.

Statistics.—Charles Miller, who robbed the residence of
Mrs. Resamach Duffy at Stapleton on Sunday last of valu
ables to the amount of \$25 wine the family were at church
was resteredy committed by Justice Kassner to the KingCounty Penitenthary for six months.

SALE OF THE FAULKNER ART COLLECTION. The sale of the Faulkner art collection, which was begun on Monday evening at the salesrooms of Henry D. Miner, at No. 845 Broadway, was continued last evening. The collection comprises oil paintings from some of the well-known artists of this country and Europe, and water-colors from the easel of John Faulkner. The first evening's sale was confined to oil paintings, and the list sold netted \$9,574 50. The highest bid for any single picture was \$750, the subject being "Winter-Sunset," by Hildebraudt. A painting, 8 by 8 inches, by Bridgeman, entitled "Hurrah! Hurrah!" was sold for Bridgeman, entitled "Harrah. \$170 to Sheriff Daggett of Brooklyn. A picture about the the same artist, was sold in Brook

\$170 to Sheriff Dargett of Brooklyn. A picture about four times its size, by the same artist, was sold in Brooklyn on Monday to \$2,150. The bidding was slow. The same features in slow bidding was slow. The same features in slow bidding were again exhibited as on the evening better, until the list of water-colors was reached, when the bidding was more spirited. The "Water Cress Gatherers," in oil, by Faulkner, brought \$240. The paintings of Faulkner and of George W. Nicholson of Philadelphia commanded the highest prices. The "March of Bacchus," by Niemlandt of Amsterdam, was withdrawn on an upset price of \$1,000. Of the water-colors, "King's Wood, Chion Hill," was started at \$25, and, quickly rising by \$25 bids to \$250, was finally knocked down for \$270. "The Grove, King's Wood," was sold for \$205. The total amount received from the sales of last evening amounted to \$5.633 50, and the aggregate for the two evenings was \$15,208. The sale will be concluded this evening, and includes water-colors only.

THE PARISH WILL AGAIN. POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 27.-The Parish will use is to be again brought before the public, an order

having been issued by Surrogate Dorland to open the will. The order was granted on the petition of Sarah P. Holdridge, who alleges that the paper purporting to be will of the late Thomas Parish was not his last will and testament; that he was not at the time of making and signing it of sound mind; that it was obtained by fraud, and was not properly declared, attested, or witnessed; that deceased died leaving neither descendants, parents, brother, or sister, and the petitioner is his niece and one of his next of kin. LAST MEETING OF THE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27. - The Executive Committee of the United States Centennial Commiswill meet to-morrow, possibly for the last time, to dis pose of the subject of certain awards, action on which has been deferred. NAVAL ORDERS.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Commander Win. A. Kirkland, United States Navy, is detached from the command of the Frolic, south Atlantic Station, and ordered to return to the United States and report his arrival; Light, James R Seifridge is detached from the training ship Monongalhela and ordered to duty for ordnance instruction in the Washington Navy-Yard. ____ "Put Away His Empty Barrel; Fold His Presidential Clothes; He Has Starced Up Salt River. Led and Lit by Cronin's Nose!"

POSTSCRIPT

3:45 a. m.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

THE EASTERN QUESTION. WARLIKE SIGNS IN RUSSIA. LONDON, Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1877 In face of the Russian Telegraphic Agency's authorite tive contradiction of an impending movement of the Russian army across the Pruth, there is again news to day that the Roumania railway companies have received

an intimation from the Russian headquarters to prepare

everything for the transportation of troops. It is said

that the Russians also sent detailed instructions for the regulation of the whole transportation business. Then can be little doubt that all preparations are being gradually made for action. For all that, Russia may not have yet fixed a time, and may thus with good conscience contradict the reports about immediate action. It is intimated that the Servian Skuptchina will ask the Ministers to delay the final signing of the treaty of peace until the course of Russia is finally decided.

SPECULATIONS AS TO RUSSIA'S COURSE. The Berlin correspondent of The Times repeats the assertion that, far from desiring war, the Russian Gov. ernment at this moment displays a marked inclination to content itself with some few concessions. The Para correspondent of The Telegraph says: "I hear from st Petersburg that the policy of the peace party was un hesitatingly manifested at a Cabinet council, and a in a fair way to prevail; that Russia will in all probability abandon the idea of isolated action, and this she means in certain eventualities to demobilize the southern army." The Daily News's correspondent at Vienna says: "It is confidently asserted that Russlawill dispatch to-day a second circular to the Power pointing out the interaction uncertainty of the present crisis, and reminding them that the first circular still remains unanswered."

THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN SETTLEMENT. LONDON, Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1877.

The Times's dispatch from Vienna says Prince Auersperg has officially announced to the Emperor that in consequence of the resolution, recently passed by the Constitutional party the Ministry was prepared to take full responsibility for the Bank arrangement. Premier Tisza has made a similar declaration in the Hongarian Dict. These declarations mark the end of this trouble-For other Foreign News see First Page.

THE TELEPHONE EXPLAINED AND TESTED.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.-Prof. Elisha Gray lectured this evening at McCormick's hall to a large and interested audience on the telephone, giving illustrations of the instrument's capabilities. Judges Caton and Booth, the Hon. Henry Greenebaum, Col. J. J. S. Wilson, C. H. Summers, and other prominent public and scientific men were on the platform. Music played in Milwaukee was transmitted over the wires and reproduced in the hall in clear and sweet tones. Many popular airs were called for by the audience, and were promptly given, eliciting hearty applause. Prof. Faville. in Milwaukee, played the telephone waitz. Several different musical notes were started simultaneously in Milwaukee, and distinctly heard by the audience. The lecture and illustrations were entertaining throughout. Prof. Gray gave due credit to Prof. Bell of Boston or als remarkable development of the speaking telegraph, which the lecturer described.

RAILROAD REPORT.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27 .- The annual report of the Chicago and Alton Railroad was submitted to-day, and shows that the gross earnings were, from passengers, \$1,218,820, and from freight, \$3,541,346; express, \$98,063; mails, \$97,961, making a total of \$4,960,528. The gross earnings are about \$300,000 greater than in 1875. The operating expenses were \$86,000 per quarter.

superintendent of the Marquette, Houghton and Ontomagon Railroad, will supersede George S Bacheldor as superintendent of the Eastern Railroad, being recom-mended by the bondholders. A boy came down Linwood-ave. on the rush

THE EASTERN RAILROAD SUPERINTENDENCY.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.-John Hornby, late assistant

a few nights since, and in an excited manner said tags were a lot of lights in the Jewish burial ground. Half a dozen scientific men, four loafers, and a dog started of dozen scientilic men, four toaters, and a cog started or to see them. The graveyard was as dark as such places usually are. "Where are the lights f" maked a big man of the boy. The youngster backed off to a safe distance and yelled out, "Under ground; they're Israelites?" is then ran for his life.—[Melrose Journal.

[Aunouncements.]

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